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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJECT: CAI LAY INCIDENT

REF: SAIGON 3401

1. WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER PUBLICIZING AND DRAMATIZING COMMUNIST MORTARING OF SCHOOL AT CAI LAY MARCH 9, WHICH HAS RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLIC NOTICE HERE. AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL (AMBASSADOR DURBROW AND PHIL CLARKE) EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT COOPERATING IN SUCH A PROJECT. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD HELP ILLUSTRATE TO CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE CONTINUING COMMUNIST CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND NEED TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE GVN DEFENSES.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE THINKING ABOUT SOME SORT OF CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR BURIAL EXPENSES OF VICTIMS, CARING FOR SURVIVORS, REPAIRING ANY DAMAGE TO SCHOOL, ETC.; ACCOMPANIED BY PRESS CONFERENCES, STATEMENTS BY FRIENDLY CONGRESSMEN, ETC.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL. IF

YOU THINK IT FEASIBLE AND WORTHWHILE, TYPES OF MATERIAL
YOU MIGHT USEFULLY PROVIDE US ARE:

-- DRAMATIC EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF INCIDENT, PREFER-
ABLY IN ENGLISH.

-- TAPE RECORDINGS AND FILMS.

-- CONVERSATIONS WITH SURVIVORS.

-- SPECIFIC COMMUNIST REACTIONS AND STATEMENTS ON INCI-
DENT.

-- QUOTES FROM SAIGON NEWSPAPERS, RED CROSS OFFICIALS,
LEADING CITIZENS.

-- STILL PICTURES.

-- NEEDS OF SURVIVORS, E.G. PROSTHETIC DEVICES, ETC.

4. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, BELIEVE WE WOULD NEED TO PROCEED
QUICKLY ON THIS. KISSINGER

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